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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - MEETING OF COMMITTEE III -  
NOVEMBER 9

1. AFTER INFORMAL GROUP B CONSULTATIONS, IT WAS AGREED THAT BEST TACTIC WAS TO ATTEMPT HAVE COMMITTEE FOCUS ON SECRETARIAT DRAFT RESOLUTIONS IX AND X RATHER THAN YUGOSLAV RESOLUTION (ANNEX VIII) OR RUMORED G-77 RESOLUTION. GROUP OF 77, HOWEVER, WANTED DISCUSSION FOCUS ON THEIR DRAFT (WHICH NOT YET AVAILABLE) RATHER THAN SECRETARIAT DRAFTS. TODAY, AT FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING OF COMMITTEE III, US AS FIRST SPEAKER FOLLOWED LINE OF POSITION PAPER TO SET FORTH OUR VIEWS ON RESOLUTION IX BUT INDICATED THAT IN SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE WE PREPARED ACCEPT RESOLUTION. OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, MEXICO AS SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP OF 77 CALLED FOR ADJOURNMENT SO THAT GROUP OF 77 COULD PREPARE THEIR DRAFT BY 6 P.M. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS. ALTHOUGH LOSS OF FULL DAY'S MEETINGS DEPLORED BY GROUP B COUNTRIES, SPOKESMAN FOR VARIOUS LDC REGIONAL GROUPS SUPPORTED ADJOURNMENT. RUSSIAN, POLISH AND CHINESE DELS ALSO SUPPORTED ADJOURNMENT.

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2. WE NOW FACED WITH SITUATION WHERE DRAFT RESOLUTION  
COMBINING RESOLUTIONS IX AND X WILL COME OUT MONDAY MORNING  
AND CONSIST OF MOST EXTREME POSTIONS AMONG GROUP OF 77.  
THEIR DRAFTING GROUP COMPOSED OF YUGOSLAVIA, ARGENTINA,  
GUINEA AND MEXICO. ONE OF EARLIER DRAFTS WHICH OBTAINED  
ON BOOTLEG BASIS HAS TEN PREAMBULAR AND FIFTEEN OPERATIVE  
PARAGRAPHS. IT CLEAR THAT MILITANTS ARE HAVING THEIR WAY  
IN GROUP OF 77, BUT, HOPEFULLY, REASON WILL PREVAIL AS  
GROUP BE REJECTS OR MODIFIES DRAFT GROUP OF 77 RESOLUTION.  
ARDUOUS DAY AND NIGHT SESSIONS ARE LIKELY SINCE REPORT  
SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE III BY THURSDAY MORNING.  
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